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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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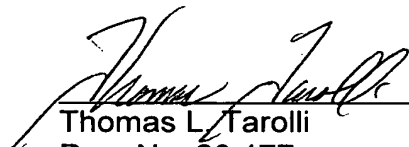
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	DE 38 22 193 A1	01.01.1990	GERMANY				
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